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SSI EXPORT TO SAARC COUNTRIES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) details of trade with China and SAARC countries involving India`s small scale industries during the last three years, country-wise;

(b) whether the Government has discussed the issue of simplifying the procedures of import/export of small scale industries with these countries; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to promote export by SSIs to SAARC countries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) The figures showing India`s trade with China and SAARC countries, including the products of small scale industries (SSIs), during the last three years are given in the statement below. The product-wise details including that of SSIs, country-wise, are available on Department`s website, www.commerce.nic.in under the head `Information Dissemination/Monitoring System - Export-Import data bank`. Separate data for small scale sector is not being maintained.

In US$ Million

country	2002-2003		2003-2004		2004-2005	
	Export	Import	Export	Import	Export	Import
Bangladesh	1176.00	62.05	1740.75	77.63	1586.18	54.88
Sri Lanka	920.98	90.83	1319.20	194.74	1353.75	364.25
Nepal	350.36	281.76	669.36	286.04	728.46	340.02
Pakistan	206.16	44.85	286.94	57.65	505.44	95.33
Bhutan	39.05	32.15	89.49	52.37	84.03	50.14
Maldives	31.59	0.33	42.34	0.37	4	2.51 0.58
China	1975.48	2792.04	2955.10	4053.23	4586.28	6746.66
Total	4699.62	3304.01	7103.18	4722.03	8886.65	7651.86

Data Source: DGCI & S Kolkata (Supplied by NIC, DOC)

As per the data available, the over all export performance of SSIs during 2002-03 and 2003-2004 were as under:

Rs. In crores

Year	Total export	Share of SSI	% share of SSI	Growth rate (SSI)	Growth rate
2002-03	255137.28	86012.52	34.03	-	-
2003-04	291581.93	97643.57	33.49	13.52%	14.28%

(b) No Sir.

(c) The steps taken to promote export by SSIs are - participation in International Trade Fairs/Exhibitions, financial assistance to SSI entrepreneurs, adoption of Bar Coding under SSI-MDA(Market Development Assistance) Scheme, conducting training programmes on packaging for exports and conduct of management development programmes, etc. To increase export by small scale sector, SAARC countries are also participating in SAARC Trade Fairs and India International Trade Fair (IITF) held annually in New Delhi. South Asian Free Trade Area Agreement (SAFTA) is scheduled to come into force on 1 January 2006. This is also expected to boost

our exports, including that of small-scale sector, to SAARC countries.